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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 9, lines 16-23, amend the paragraph as follows:

The filter element furthermore may be fitted at its outside surface with polarizing positioning means 34 which are small salient or hollow devices to position the filter element in a manner that it assumes a defined position within the case. These polarizing positioning means 34 also may be notches, grooves or studs. They are configured on one or several surfaces of the filter element and preferably are situated on the cylindrical outside surfaces.